

Appln. No. 09/643,630
Amdt/Rsp filed Nov. 16, 2005, with RCE
replying to Office Action mailed June 16, 2005

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07451.0028-00
InterTrust Ref. No. IT-27.1 (US)

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include simple corrections to Figures 1A-18B to amend the original drawings filed in this application which were done by hand. Applicants have not changed the drawings in any other significant fashion and no new matter was added. These sheets, which include Figures 1A-18B, replace the original sheets, and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005 ("the Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the following remarks. No claims were canceled, added, or amended. After entry of this paper, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-16, and 18 will remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner (i) objected to the drawings; and (ii) rejected claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,427,140 to Ginter et al. ("Ginter").

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner required that new corrected drawings be filed in reply to the Office Action because the original drawings filed in this application were done by hand.

Applicant has amended the drawings in the manner recommended by the Examiner, and respectfully submits that the Examiner's objections have been overcome.

Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-16, 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Ginter

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Ginter. These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 11 are independent. Each of Claims 2-5, 7, 8, and 10 depend from claim 1. Each of claims 12-16, and 18 depend from claim 11. Both independent claims 1 and 11 recite the unique combination of:

a level-one page table and a plurality of level-two page tables, the level-one page table including a plurality of level-one page table entries and the level-two page table including a plurality of level-two page table entries, wherein the level-one page table entries each correspond to at least one level-two page table, and wherein the level-one page table entries each contain a predefined attribute, the predefined attribute being operable to indicate to the memory management unit whether a corresponding level-two page table may designate certain predefined memory regions.

The Applicant acknowledges that Ginter represents an important addition to the technical and patent literature. However, the Applicant respectfully notes that a *prima facie* rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) requires showing that the cited prior art teaches “every element of the claim.” M.P.E.P. § 2131. The Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims each recite the unique combination of a level-one page table and a plurality of level-two page tables as quoted above. The Examiner has provided no direct evidence or reasoning to suggest that this unique combination is shown or suggested by the cited prior art. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejections.

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CONCLUSION

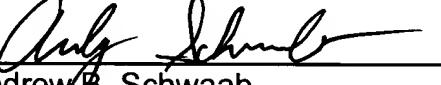
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in allowable form, and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and timely allowance of the claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Exhibit A - Drawing Sheets